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COTTON DELIVERIES IAG;  
TRACTORS NEED REPAIRS, OVERHAULING

COLLECT 69 PERCENT OF PLANNED COTTON QUOTAS -- Sofia, Izgreiv, 19 Dec 50

The cotton delivery plan is still lagging seriously and, so far, only 69 percent of the planned quotas have been collected. Cotton stocks at the central (state) and temporary warehouses have not surpassed 74.7 percent and are increasing daily by only 0.5-1 percent. Educational campaigns have not been pursued with the necessary emphasis, and hostile kulak propaganda is still opposing conscientious cotton delivery.

Many producers are withholding their cotton crops. At a village of Stata Zagora Okoliya, two farmers had concealed considerable quantities of cotton in their mattresses and in sacks. In other areas, the farmers have failed to sow cotton in the areas designated, and in numerous villages the local authorities, in spite of orders, did not remove the hand gins used for ginning cotton in the home.

Purchasing operations have also been conducted very carelessly. In a village of Chirpan Okoliya, where the purchasing plan had been fulfilled by only 50 percent, the chairman of the village soviet declared that no more cotton was available and prohibited the general cooperative from receiving the grain to be distributed as a bonus for cotton deliveries. In Khaskovo Okoliya, the deliveries had been normal until the end of November, when they started to shrink and have now entirely stopped. In this area, contracts have been concluded on a bureaucratic basis, and the local authorities never checked whether the farmers had really sown the crop in the designated areas; in some cases, the same plot was allocated twice.

Educational campaigns and a relentless struggle against hostile groups should now speed the operations, which must be concluded by the end of December.

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SAYS MTS PERSONNEL NEGLIGENT -- Sofia Izgrev, 20 Dec 50

According to reports from 46 MTS as of 30 October 1950, 20.7 percent of their tractor engines needed capital repairs, 46 percent of the tractor needed current repairs and 21 percent needed Type 6 overhauling. Only 6 percent were in good condition. The poor condition of the machinery proves that MTS directors, technical supervisors, and MTS personnel in general are negligent and unreliable in handling their machine stock. Prompt and thorough repairs must be provided during the present winter season to have the machines ready for the next campaign.

Unfortunately, the directors and technical supervisors remain indifferent to this requirement and have dismissed a great part of the personnel; no plans or charts have been prepared for the repair operations, and the operators who have finished sowing are not enrolled for repair work. As a result of these and other failures, in Pleven, Stalin, Ruse, Plovdiv, and throughout other grain-producing areas, repair work is far behind schedule, and the apprehension exists that it will be either late or concluded in a hurry, which may involve great harm to the machinery.

As of 15 December 1950, the plan for capital repairs of tractors was fulfilled by only 50 percent, for current repairs of tractors by 55.8, and for threshing machines by 77 and 40 percent respectively. The main responsibility for the failure lies with the MTS administration and the director of the repair department. Spare parts have not been prepared in the required quantities and qualities, and as the necessary funds have not been made available, spare parts are being withheld by the Zemsnab organization.

A relentless campaign must now be launched to complete the work. Political and trade organizations should cooperate in combating the workers' bourgeois tradition of celebrating the January holiday season.

All repair operations must be concluded by 1 February 1951.

SCORE UNDUE SLAUGHTERING -- Sofia, Izgrev, 22 Dec 50

Hostile kulaks continue to sabotage proper livestock care throughout the rural areas. Evidence of this activity has been discovered in the newly established farm workers' cooperative in Mlekarevo, Nova Zagora Okoliya, where the farmers slaughtered 511 sheep before enrolling in the cooperative. The indiscriminate slaughtering of animals is pursued throughout the country. In Stalin and Tolbukhin, 800 cows and 1,000 heifers were slaughtered during the last 3 months, whereas 3,056 cows and only 1,246 oxen were slaughtered in the Sofia slaughterhouse during November. In the last week of November, 37 cows and 1,200 sheep with young were separated from the rest of the animals to be slaughtered. Owing to poor care, the premature foaling of mares is becoming a normal phenomenon.

The fodder supply is so low that most animals are being fed on straw and dry corn stalks.

Many local supervisors, who are responsible for these conditions, have been dismissed.

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